

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 5012**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Criminal Record Checks for Nursing Licenses		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 5012 amends Chapter 33, Title 40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Sections 40-33-25 and -39 relating to the licensing of nurses. Section 40-33-25 authorizes the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to require both State and National criminal records checks prior to issuing a nursing license (where the cost of the record checks is to be borne by the applicant), or in connection with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding (where the cost of the record checks is to be borne by the Department, but may be recovered as administrative charges). Section 40-33-39 requires licensed nurses to wear an identification badge bearing the nurse's first or last name, or both, and title.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department reports that the costs associated with the criminal record checks in connection with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding would be recovered as administrative charges. There is no impact on the General Fund of the State.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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